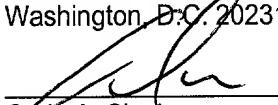


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the "inventorship" paragraph on lines 1-4 (incorrectly numbered 5-8 in the specification) and replace it with the following paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications:

This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 08/752,162, filed November 18, 1996, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/528,805, filed September 15, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,575,810, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/137,672, filed October 15, 1993, now abandoned.

On page 72, please rewrite the paragraph on lines 3-11 as follows:

Further details regarding the concepts of using of a movable sheath to varying the flexing characteristics of a steerable catheter are revealed in copending patent Application Serial No. 08/099,843, filed July 30, 1993, and entitled "Variable Curve Electrophysiology Catheter," now U.S. Patent No. 5,397,321 and copending patent Application Serial No. 08/100,739, filed July 30, 1993 and entitled "Variable Stiffness Electrophysiology Catheter," now abandoned.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-43 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Minor amendments have been made to the specification. No claims have been added amended. Claims 2-43 have been canceled. Claims 1 remains in the application. Early and favorable consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

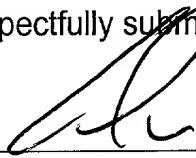
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such

fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO
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On page 72, the paragraph on lines 3-11 has been amended as follows:

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